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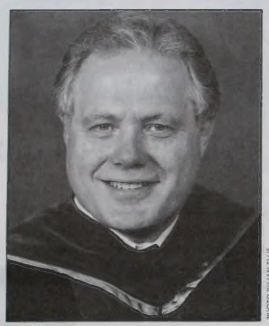
President's appointment applauded

by Krysia P. Lear

The announcement that Brian C. Stiller had agreed to become president of OBC/OTS evoked a moment of silence followed by enthusiastic applause from the 700 present at the College's graduation ceremony April 20.

Geoffrey Moore, an executive member of the Board of Governors made the announcement on behalf of chair, Archie McLean, who could not be present. Later, Moore described Stiller as "a dynamic person with great spiritual depth."

At the request of the Board, Stiller, first came to OBC/OTS in June 1995 to help guide the institution out of a severe financial crisis. He served as interim president while continuing as president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC). His inspirational leadership, hard work and expectation of miracles made a strong impact. Giving to



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OBC/OTS' Operation Restore reached nearly $1.3 million by mid April. A strategic planning process moved quickly with a report expected this summer.

The new president's leadership ability is well respected. McLean noted, "In his 16 years of leadership with Youth for Christ and nearly 14 years with EFC, he distinguished himself by taking organizations in difficulty or in modest beginnings and growing them into national entities." McLean continued, "It was the unanimous decision of the Board of Governors to invite him to be the next president of OBC/OTS. We believe that under God this ministry will produce a rich harvest of effective Christian leaders."

This evaluation had been confirmed numerous times during the presidential search. As the Search Committee consulted with some 250 North American evangelical leaders, Stiller's name came up repeatedly.

He also brings a strong understanding of issues in Canada and insight into the needs of the Church to his position. His latest book, *From the Tower of Babel to Parliament Hill*, will soon be published by HarperCollins. He will continue to host the television show Crosscurrents seen on Vision TV. Stiller, who holds his credentials through The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, worships with his wife Lily at Cedarview Community Church, Newmarket, Ontario.

In responding to the invitation, Stiller affirmed his commitment to the vision of EFC; he will continue to work with the organization until a new president is found. He went on to say, "My sense of God's leading to help build a strong and effective centre of undergraduate and graduate theological education at OBC/OTS comes out of my life-long vision that Christian life must affect and transform our world."

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Seminary makes programs more user-friendly

With revisions to the MTS and to the language requirements in some MDiv programs, the Seminary has made graduate studies more accessible and focused.

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Fast-track MTS welcomed

Students with an active lifestyle will welcome the new Master of Theological Studies (MTS) modular program. By building in an independent study component, the modular approach allows students to take just one class a week, and yet complete the degree in just two-and-a-half years. This efficient packaging of educational programs was pioneered by schools and departments of business, said the academic dean, W. Ward Gasque. He added, "There is little doubt in my mind that it represents the wave of the future."

The program provides flexibility for students with numerous other demands on their time and energy, such as family responsibilities, church commitments and full-time careers. For some, being able to continue working or having a partner to provide child care will make graduate studies more affordable. It is ideal for those who like to manage their own education.

This well-rounded program, according to the Dean, provides "understanding in the theological disciplines while integrating intellectual rigour, spiritual formation and ministry development." It will let working professionals gain a better understanding of their faith and more effectiveness in lay ministry.

Worship is a verb

After negotiating a partnership with the highly regarded Institute of Worship Studies based in Wheaton, Ill, OTS has incorporated its in-depth courses into the new MTS worship and liturgy track. Only one other seminary offers the program, and that is at the doctoral level in the US. OTS' program will meet the needs of lay people wanting to lead worship and of clergy seeking greater depth and proficiency in worship.

OTS has named the Institute's director, Dr. Robert Webber, as associate professor of worship. Webber, who wrote *Worship is a Verb* and drew capacity audiences to a conference here three years ago, will teach the first worship

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Graduation 1996. *Four of this year's College graduates: Krista Webb from Paisley, Ont., Margie May from Halifax, N.S., Krista Hall from Stoney Creek, Ont., and Tara Belliveau from Hamilton, Ont.* *(See more pictures and stories on pages 5, 6 & 7.)*

New alliance forged

On April 21, OTS and The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) signed an affiliation agreement during the morning service at Agincourt Pentecostal Church in Scarborough, Ontario. This is the third alliance that OTS has developed with a denominational body.

President Brian Stiller and Rev. James McKnight, general superintendent of the PAOC, signed the agreement. Both praised the decision to co-operate. Stiller, speaking on behalf of the Board of Governors of OBC/OTS, said, "We believe this partnership expresses how evangelical communities... can link their resources for more effective outreach."

The PAOC has established its own seminary, Canadian Pentecostal Seminary (CPS) at Agincourt, a convenient site for commuting. CPS students will enroll at OTS and take most courses here. OTS students taking CPS courses will likewise enrol with that school. CPS personnel will teach courses relating to Pentecostal distinctive under the leadership of Van Johnson the dean. Johnson, who is from Western

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A DRYER PLACE TO PARK

Just in time for the spring and summer sessions, the parking bog is drying out. The rumble of heavy equipment has signalled major improvements to its drainage system. As soon as a catch basin is opened up, the surrounding area gets dry, commented a relieved John Buckley, manager of Campus Operations. He says that while the lot will still have a gravel surface, driving on it will be much smoother.

And how do the users feel?. One night, reported the contractor and owner of Valley View Contracting, a car roared down the driveway stopping beside his bulldozer. "What now?" he thought. What he heard was: "God bless you for doing something with the parking lot."

YOUR WILL, YOUR WAY

Without a will, your intentions for your estate may not be realized. The booklet Your Will and You, available through OBC/OTS, is designed to help you understand the basics of estate planning. Call Sandy Green (416) 226-6380 to receive a free copy or to learn more about estate planning seminars in your neighbourhood.

MORE LIBRARY RESOURCES

The library has grown again. "OBC/OTS was the grateful recipient of more than 1,300 books from the library of faculty member and historian Dr. Ian Rennie," reported Sandy Finalyson, OBC/OTS library director. Many were added to the library, and the remainder sold to raise money for purchasing new books.

A recent gift of an advance biblically-based computer program called Logos Bible Software 2.0 Cds has given students access to various versions of the Bible. Other research aids include original language texts, original language "tools" such as lexicons, Bible dictionaries, commentaries and other study tools.

Providing access to Logos was possible because two years ago, R.G. Mitchell,, a friend of the school, gave a substantial gift that allowed the school to purchase computers for the library. These were used to set up an on-line catalogue, to provide access to other university library catalogues and to set up a computer lab.

BOARD MEMBER HITS TOP 40

Congratulation to Mark Durst, CA, president and CEO of Patriot Computers, who was named by the Financial Post as one of a "gallery" of 40 exceptional achievers under age 40. He and his twin, John, and Rob Chernenko founded the Canadian company to make high-quality, brand-name personal computers. The Post quotes him as saying, "A company is nothing. It's the people you've got who are important." Durst, 34, who joined the Board of Governors last fall, chairs the Strategic Planning committee.

ASSOCIATE FACULTY NAMED

The Board of Governors has established a new category of faculty member, that of associate faculty. Those with this status have all the rights and privileges of full-time faculty, although their primary responsibility is outside of the Seminary. The first three to be so designated are John Vissers, ThD, professor of theology and senior minister at Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Nelson Annan, DMin, professor of preaching and senior minister of Bayview Glen Alliance Church; and Vincent Poon, MD, DMin, DPsy, professor in counselling, a physician, president-elect of the Ontario Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and assistant professor in the faculty of medicine at the University of Toronto.

Vincent Poon

NETWORKED FOR THE FUTURE

by Krysia P. Lear

When Patriot Computers supplied new computers and other equipment at cost to OBC/OTS this spring, the school took a quantum technological leap forward. The school is extremely grateful for Patriot's involvement. "Without their willingness to waive all profits, we would not have been able to install such a quality system. The E.A. Walker Foundation of London, Ontario, gave a gift which helped with purchasing the equipment. Because of all this help we have achieved long-term expandability and efficiencies at a very reasonable price," said Larry Willard, manager of information services (MIS).

Patriot provided 25 Pentiums with Windows 95 installed on a Novell network and with Microsoft office as the main application. It also supplied two printers and a colour scanner. Mark Durst, a Board member and president of Patriot, said he did this because he wanted to support the school's vision of being in a "strategic position" to prepare students "for the real world." Durst commented that today's pastors will need to know how to use technology for simple administrative tasks like booking appointments and in order to educate congregations on complex issues such as on-line pornography.

With the donation, the school gained both immediate efficiency and long-term usage. The improved speed lets staff make better use of their time: some have found their programs running 5-10 times faster, said Willard. The huge memory, or capacity to process information, means OBC/OTS can use the newest programs.

The fastest of the new computers, which run at 100 and 120 megahertz, will be used as network servers, allowing various departments to be connected. Now documents can be exchanged immediately, databases shared and printers centralized in high usage areas, meaning no more half hour waits to get a page printed.

The highly compatible Pentium technology in combination with Windows 95, which Willard specified, ensures ease of future expansion and addition of new software, hardware and various peripherals such as printers, scanners and Internet connections.

Students will also benefit directly. By early fall, they along with faculty and senior administrators, will be connected to the Internet and its excellent on-line research resources. And future plans include developing a "Cyerschool" offering OBC/OTS students distance education via computers.

While the conversion allowed operations to be improved in critical areas of the school, more remains to be done. A complete overhaul with its increased efficiencies will occur as funding comes in, said Willard. "We look forward to installing one institutional management software program to replace the three now operating. This will further improve productivity in our dealings with students, staff, faculty and the public."

(When donors provide funds, it allows the school to maximize the impact of the gift through the institutional discounts available when it can buy directly from manufacturers and suppliers such as Patriot.)

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Willard heads fund raising

After implementing significant improvements in the Operations area since last June, Larry Willard was appointed in March as vice-president, Development.

Like the Israelites, Willard draws on his history with God to stay focused. His challenge involves finding the best ways to help supporters understand the significance of helping train students for service. In the midst of the rush, one of many miracles from the dark days of the summer of '95 keeps Larry going.

He related the incident. "We had this 'Red Sea' of debt in front of us and an army of 400 creditors behind us, but God was still with us. One very hot July afternoon David Stiller, the vice-president of Finance, and I were really discouraged and wondering if we shouldn't just be practical and close the doors. That afternoon an unassuming Chinese woman arrived at the front desk with a cheque for the school. It was for nearly $40,000. She told us that the Lord wanted her to give this recent inheritance to OBC/OTS. As welcome as the substantial gift was, it had even more significance as a reminder of God's faithfulness in God's right time...I sensed this was the turning point."

Willard's strong background in computers and marketing management, along with his masters degree in theological studies, provides a solid background for his fund raising duties. Under his leadership, the Development department will raise $1.8 million in the 1996/1997 academic/fiscal year. This will assist with the education of nearly 1100 men and women and contribute to making the school a leader of Christian research institutions.

"Of course we've only just made it through the Red Sea," said Willard. "Now we need to move ahead." He continued, "With the help of our supporters we can strengthen and expand the ministry so we don't spend the next 40 years in the wilderness. As we pull together in God's strength, we can use the resources He has placed here to meet the needs of a dying world in even more creative ways."

New talent reinforces the Development department

Nelson Kung

In March, **Rev. Nelson Kung** joined the Development team as director of church relations. In announcing the appointment, President Stiller said, "We appreciate the wisdom and integrity that he brings to his position." Born in Hong Kong, Kung has served with various North American based ministries including World Relief Canada and Showers of Blessing television ministries. He will primarily be responsible to the Chinese and Korean church communities, but will also work with the broader church community.

Since April, **Marion Hangs**, a seasoned consultant in corporate communications has been creating greater awareness of the programs and services that OBC/OTS offers. Highly energized she quickly developed strategic plans to promote the school's summer courses and on-going ministry mandate to key audiences. While on campus she is also working on a master's degree in counselling as part of her preparation to develop a family and marriage ministry to serve the corporate sector.

三月間，龔啓榮牧師正式加入神學院事工拓展部就任"教會關懷主任"一職。神學院院長 Dr. Brian Stiller 宣佈該職位時介紹說，"我們很欣賞龔牧師把智慧和真誠帶到他的事奉崗位裡。"

龔牧師生於香港。曾經在北美不同機構事奉，其中包括加拿大國際救援社及恩雨之聲。他現時的職責除了基本上要關顧加國之華人及韓國教會外，還要顧及全國之西方教會。龔牧師說，"我期望能夠建立起一個強而有力的關係，積極服侍眾教會，拓展神的聖工。"

Strategic plan closer to approval

"This plan is so exciting that I wish I were starting on my education now instead of having completed it 14 years ago." OBC alumni president, Godfrey Green.

The recommendations contained in "From Vision Casting to Transformation," the latest chapter in the strategic planning report, drew this enthusiastic response from Godfrey Green. A member of the Board of Governors, Green was seeing the results of the extensive research done in the fall.

The director of strategic planning, John Wilkinson, took as much care developing the 33 pages of recommendations as he did in opening up the planning process. Isolated in a northern retreat in winter, he wrestled 2500 pages of research into a manageable document.

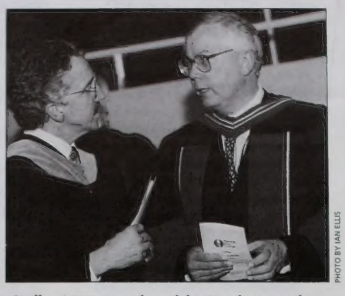
He, and the committee, had anticipated a review at a Board of Governors' meeting in April with the possibility of revealing details to the public soon after. But this meeting was tabled until May 21 after the Board took time to discuss another "strategic move," the appointment of a new president.

The process has already proved its value though. "It has been enormously encouraging throughout this project to sense the Lord orchestrating dozens of meetings that included hundreds of people," said Chancellor William McRae.

During the past five months, said Wilkinson, the planning process has given students, alumni, staff, faculty and Board members as well as community representatives an opportunity to "draw outside the lines." As a result, commented Wilkinson, they contributed valuable help in "reframing" the mission, structural configuration and ongoing operations of OBC/OTS.

While the process will enable the school to "envision a new future with new opportunities," it will, as Wilkinson assures readers, also allows "us to retain much of our heritage."

One key to formulating a useful plan, commented Mark Durst, chair of the seven-member strategic planning committee, is this constituency-based approach. "If the plan just came from me or the Board, it would be high risk," said Durst. "But if we service the needs of the constituency we will meet our goals." Another key to success according to Durst has been the work of John Wilkinson and the vision of Brian Stiller.



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Geoffrey Moore, president of the Foundation, and John Wilkinson, after the OBC graduation ceremony.

Five calls for a strong future

During the vision casting process five calls for future action developed from the discussion. These will guide the shaping of OBC/OTS planning and the related implementation strategy. These are the five challenges.

1. Reframe a clear mission of what God would have us accomplish. Define who we are and why we should exist.

2. Restructure for academic vitality, personal and ministry formation and life-long learning.

3. Renew and strengthen the insitution through strategic alliances, affiliations, partnerships and other forms of collaboration.

4. Revitalize institutional integrity and understanding—internally and externally.

5. Reengineer to keep resources and technology strategically deployed and to ensure maximum efficiency and continuous improvement.

Summer Finances in 'Critical Condition'

"We don't want to alarm our constituents" says Larry Willard, newly appointed VP Development, "however, the next 90 days are just as critical for us as last summer was. We have come a long way but I hope all the euphoria of getting through this *last year* has not left anyone thinking the challenge of making this work is behind us," says Willard. "This was an amazing miracle but the need for a continuing miracle is not finished. We need immediate and serious prayer and support from everyone who loves this school. We came very close to reaching our goal of $1.5 million for Operation Restore '95, which ended May 31st. However, because income in the last few weeks has dropped sharply we are concerned that our friends may feel our needs have been met. The fact is that the next few months are some of our busiest as we prepare for the new school year with painting, refurbishing, repairing and endless maintenance that is very expensive. We need to receive over $40,000 every single week for the next 16 weeks, or the operation will not be successful. Without this bridge to cover the summer income gap, our progress over the last year will be jeopardized."

He concluded,"People have been generous, and we are so grateful but every person who is committed to Operation Restore needs to immediately and prayerfully ask God what they should contribute at this time. We thank every one of them for loving this great ministry."

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SEMINARY PROGRAMS
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course, Renewing Sunday Worship, January 6-11, 1997. In May 1997, OTS and the Institute will offer one-day worship workshops entitled Renewing Your Worship in 12 centres in Ontario and Quebec.

The program is both rooted in the classics and connected with contemporary culture. This encompassing of many worship styles is just one of its many advantages commented David Sherbino, professor of Pastoral Studies.

Language changes

In May, OTS announced long-anticipated changes in language requirements. The Seminary has decided to

- Give credit for Elementary Greek 1 & 11.
- Equalize language credits. Four semesters of graduate credit will be required in either Greek or Hebrew.
- Let students in MDiv counselling, educational ministries and youth substitute Bible electives for language requirements. It urges those planning to preach or teach to take language studies. Current students must apply for the change with Enrollment Services.
- Require all MDiv students to take a new hermeneutics course, Interpreting and Applying the Biblical Text.

Call Enrollment Services for details on all programs 1-800-663-6052.

Dear friends,

On June 26, 1995, at 9:00 p.m. as Lily, my wife, and I were watching the Blue Jays lose, I received a phone call from David Collins, a member of the Board of Governors, on behalf of the Board. David informed me that the College and Seminary were without a president and on the brink of bankruptcy.

The Board wanted to know if I would help them at this critical moment in their history. I looked at Lily and asked, "What is the Lord saying to us?"

It seemed inconceivable that these Institutions that have given so much to the extension of God's kingdom world wide would now fail in its mission. Would it be that seeking hearts and enquiring minds would never again enter its hall, be touched by the living Christ and go forth to challenge their world with the Good News?

I was compelled to do what I could to avert such a tragedy. The next day I agreed to serve as interim and volunteer president. A rescue plan was quickly put into place; it included the recruitment of a new management team and implementation of a fund-raising campaign called Operation Restore.

Many of you responded with enormous generosity. Gifted friends volunteered their time to provide leadership. What followed was an unprecedented outpouring of love and support by God's people. Now, nearly eleven months later, we praise God for the miracle we witnessed. I use the word "miracle" intentionally, for there has been unquestionable intervention by the Lord, which allowed these schools to continue to operate. Enrollment levels have remained strong, and we gratefully report that this spring 77 students graduated from OBC and 111 from OTS. Their stories in this newsletter are proof of the impact your support makes.

Amidst the upheaval and uncertainty of the summer of '95, the Lord was speaking to us—healing wounds of the past, supplying needs for the present and opening our eyes to the future. OTS faculty member Dr. John H. Wilkinson agreed to lead us through a strategic planning process that had broad-based input. It is remarkable to me how a common vision has emerged from the diverse constituencies.

But to make this vision into a reality, we need an on-going miracle as our vice-president of Development, Larry Willard, said recently.

This centre of Christian education is like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hid. Will you be part of the continuing miracle that keeps the light of the Gospel shining brightly throughout our land and around the world?

Sincerely

Brian C Stiller

New MTS modular program

- 16 courses in a fixed sequence
- One four-hour evening class weekly for five weeks, supplemented by 20 hours of supervised independent study per week
- One-week break between modules and Christmas and summer vacations
- Entrance as a "class" at various times in the year. Classes stay together for the program, benefiting from high personal support and peer interaction

FOR OUR PRAYER SUPPORTERS

Give praise for

- the appointment of the new president
- a good response for fall enrollment
- people who continue to offer their services
- the success of Operation Restore thanks to the support of friends
- the continued generous support throughout the summer and into the fall for training men and women for God's work

Please pray that

- the path for the strategic planning process will be smooth
- Larry Willard and the Development department will have wisdom in building good relationships with supporters
- Sandy Finlayson, library director, and the library staff will be able to prepare well for next fall and winter
- President Stiller, the management team, faculty and staff will experience deep renewal in the Lord after this long year

A grad writes

An encouraging supporter of Operation Restore replies to our request for help.

... I have, all my life, deeply appreciated the three years I spent at TBC (as it was then) listening to men such as Dr. McNichol (the principal), Dr. Rhodes and Dr. Dixon Burns. I was trying to sum up briefly for someone the other day how those three years have affected my whole life—and it comes down to this: there was created in me a thirst for righteousness and biblical understanding that has never gone away. It seems it's time for me to give something back to the College that gave me so much.

May God bless all your efforts and supply all your needs.

Sincerely yours,
Kathleen Lockwood ('49)

Alumni discounts on books and courses available

Following the graduation ceremonies, our newest alumni, the graduates of '96, received a "Grad Pack," a new gift package from the school. The graduates discovered certificates for introductory copies of major Christian magazines and travel discounts of 40-50 per-cent off regular prices. They also found a list of benefits and privileges associated with being a graduate of OBC/OTS.

Those who belong to the Alumni Association (automatic upon graduation) may take advantage of a 10 per-cent discount in the bookstore, audit courses at half price, and enjoy library privileges and travel discounts. Call for more information.

These benefits reflect that the institution values alumni. A large number were included in the focus groups that recently brought clarity to the strategic plan. And the budget for alumni is increasing. Alumni association executives are "very energized by the renewed value placed on alumni relations with both schools," said Sandy Green, alumni co-ordinator.

Nominations open

We need volunteers or nominations for three openings on the Alumni Executive. The Executive meets seven or eight times a year at OBC/OTS. It organizes Homecoming and grad class/alumni activities. Please write or call the Alumni office by June 15, 1996.

Alumni office: 25 Ballyconnor Court, North York, Ontario, M2M 4B3. Call 416-226-6380 and ask for Sandy Green, alumni co-ordinator.

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Canada, is completing his PhD studies at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

CPS has contracted with OTS to provide all academic support services such as full use of the OTS library. OTS, which is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, will confer the graduate degrees. The PAOC seminary will maintain standards consistent with those established by ATS for academic programs, faculty and physical facilities.

"We are delighted to formalize an informal relationship we have had for many years," said the academic dean, W. Ward Gasque. The possibility of developing this educational partnership opened up when the PAOC approached OTS a few years ago. In 1996, 57 men and women from the PAOC were enrolled here.

Korean link

In 1990 the Hap Dong (Korean) Presbyterian Church in Canada, Korea's second largest denomination, designated OTS as "a theological seminary for the education of minsters." Tom Hwang, lecturer in Korean Studies at OTS, says Korean evangelicals have been attracted to OTS because of its theological position. Korean students from a number of denominations comprise 10 per cent of the student body at the College and 7 per cent at the Seminary.

Wesleyan connection

The affiliation, which established the Chair of Wesley Studies in 1993, has proven "singularly fruitful for all concerned," said Victor Shepherd, professor of Wesley Studies. "Our students have gained through exposure to the thought of the church universal," he said. "The Seminary has gained through exposure to a tradition whose 18th century foreparent, John Wesley, is the most ecumenical evangelical since the Reformation."

OTS and a coalition of churches of the Wesleyan persuasion formed the alliance. The coalition, which comprises the Free Methodist Church, the Brethren in Christ, the Salvation Army and the Standard Church, totally supports the Chair.

Because the Free Methodist Church had earlier designated the Seminary one of five John Wesley Foundation seminaries (a recognized educational centre for the denomination), OTS is responsible for training Free Methodist pastors from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New England and all of Canada.

Rich diversity

The diverse denominational background at OBC/OTS has attracted students since the school's founding in 1894. This year more than 30 denominations were represented on campus.

Good news in federal budget

In his spring budget, Finance Minister Paul Martin announced new tax benefits for donors. He raised the annual limit for tax benefits on donations from 20 per cent to 50 per cent of net income. Donors who once had to spread tax credits for gifts over many years, will now be able to claim more credits in a given year—up to 50 per cent of net income. This change begins with the tax return for 1996.

The government allowed gifts of appreciated capital property that give rise to capital gains, an upper limit of 100 per cent of net income.

It also raised taxable benefits to 100 per cent of any bequest. An estate can use charitable giving in the deceased's last year of life as a credit on the final income tax return for the person. This increases the value of the estate available for distribution to family, friends and organizations like OBC/OTS. Call Sandy Green for more details.

Do you know where these people are ?

We need your help finding these people. We need their addresses or a contact, so we can notify them about their class reunion at Homecoming this fall.

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David McInnes
Donna Wood

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Daniel Amorin
Keith Crawford
Brenda Holnbeck
Bernie Miekle
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Donald Snider

OBC Alumni—See you in September

Come to Homecoming 1996 on Saturday, September 28, 1996

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Visit with faculty
Catch up with your class

Class Reunions for Golden Milers—Class of '46 and Classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96

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Reflective worship

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11:00	Worship
12:00	All-You-Can-Eat BBQ
1:00	Seminars I
2:15	Seminars II
4:00	Class Reunions and Golden Miler Reception
5:00	Banquet

Costs		Early Bird	Sept. 1
BBQ	Adults	$ 5	$ 6
	Children	$ 3	$ 4
(Family max. $20)			
Banquet		$22	$25
Children's Program - *each child $ 3 (all day)*			

Early bird prices available if you call or mail your registration by August 26. Prices go up September 1. Final registration for meals and children's program is September 13 so we can make arrangements.

Pre-Registration Form

Name _____

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Phone _____

Grad year _____

Number	Lunch	Banquet
Adults	_____	_____
Children	_____	_____

Don't send money with this form. Instead, please bring your payment to the Registration Desk on September 28. Cash and cheques accepted.

Alumni Keeping in Touch

THE COLLEGE

THE FORTIES

Audrey and **John Roberts** ('49) will commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8, 1996 and their 50th year of pastoral ministry which began on June 1, 1947.

THE FIFTIES

Bertha (Zimmerman '44) and Tony Stone have retired from Interserve in London, England, to live Rebourn, St. Alban, Herts, UK. Pray for a resolution to Bertha's health complications.

Velma Foreman ('59), working in Papua New Guinea, has recently completed a Yawu translation of the New Testament.

THE SIXTIES

Keith ('60) and **Anne Donald** ('60) have recently returned to Zambia where they assist Africa Evangelical Fellowship missionaries adjust to overseas life.

Annemarrie Hattenhauer ('62, '73) is teaching more than 100 Christian workers how to do inductive Bible study in the republic of Cameroon.

Dianne ('63) and **Paul Estabrooks** ('66) celebrated 30 years of marriage last summer at the same time that Open Doors was celebrating 40 years of ministry.

Bob Kasper ('64) has returned to teaching from administrative duties at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Texas.

Nancy and **John Pomeroy** ('64) plan to leave for Zambia in November 1996. Please pray that their financial needs (especially moving expenses) will be met.

Bob Morris ('66), now executive director of Interserve Canada, will serve as interim international director, for a year. He leaves for the international office in Cyprus in June.

Wilma (Heylink '65) and **Carl DeBoer** ('67) are serving the Lord in Japan with church planting and cell group ministries. **Shig Bautista** ('95) joined them in the summer of 1994 and then full-time in the summer of 1995.

Larry Clements ('69) has medical approval to return with his wife, Joanne, to Rift Valley Academy where they serve with Africa Inland Mission.

THE SEVENTIES

Kevin ('74) and **Joyce (Lambie**, '79) **Richardson**, in Nigeria with SIM, are coordinating the translation of a comprehensive Bible commentary set and a first edition of the Hausa-language Bible dictionary.

Shirley (Mills, '77) and Ken Hoffman returned from Nigeria to stay closer to cancer diagnostic and treatment centres even though her CAT scan came back "normal." Praise God for his goodness and ask that they will find a place for their gifts in Havertown, PA.

Please pray for **Wolfgang** ('79*) and **Donna Fernandez** ('79*) as they work with Dawn Ministries. He reports that pressure is accelerating in Malaysia as extremist Muslims work hard to form an Islamic state. It is illegal to witness to Muslims, and Muslim missionaries are stepping up their efforts to convert all others to Islam.

PHOTO BY CAROL BAILEY

Bob Morris, OBC grad, the Canadian executive director, with Ross Bailey in Victoria, B.C.

THE EIGHTIES

David (OBC '80, OTS '92) and **Linda (Sibley**,'82) **Buchner** living in Guelph, Ontario, asks for our prayers as they seek to reach international students for Christ.

Dave and **Kathy Casement** ('82) and daughters Marlaina, Laura and Erika welcome Stewart born February 17, 1996, in Swaziland where the Casements are serving the Lord with Trans World Radio.

Continue to uphold **Heather Forsyth** ('83) as she works in the Kang'itit Girls School in Lodwar, Kenya. She prays for more time with the Lord and the ability to help more poor people.

Norm Leduc ('84) has recently taken up the challenge of serving as Canadian director of Arab World Ministries. Norm and Ruth Ann will be moving to Cambridge, Ontario, in July.

Richard Martens ('88) and **Laura (Lutes**, '88*) have three boys, Robert, Ryan and Jordan. Richard presently pastors Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship Church in Simcoe, Ontario.

Gloria Mallory ('89) has been singing throughout Europe this spring with the Jubilance Singers and Orchestra.

THE NINETIES

Shig Bautista ('95), see DeBoer '67, above.

THE SEM

THE EIGHTIES

Marian ('84) and **Philip Holley** ('86) need our prayers as they seek the Lord's leading while in Sarnia, Ontario, as they set up their bi-vocational ministry in Irian Jaya. Gabriella (February 22, 1996) joins Melanie, Christina, Dominique, and Michael.

Don ('87) and **Karen (Alguire**, '80*) **Crawford** have written that he has completed his assignment as director of public ministries with OMF International's US office in Denver, CO and now serves as small groups pastor at Cherry Hills Community Church in South Denver. Karen is at home with Meggan, Fraser and Colin and trains small groups at Cherry Hills.

David Lundy ('88) resolved his visa complications and returned with his wife Linda to work as a minister-at-large with Operation Mobilization in India. He developed a Master of Ministry program for Indian pastors and leaders, which has received accreditation from Briercrest Schools.

Pray for **George Barathan** ('89) who, with his family, has returned to Canada from Singapore where he worked with OM on the Logos ship. He is struggling with his health and seeks a sense of God's purpose while they settle in Richmond, BC.

THE NINETIES

Pray for Susan and **John Iseminger** ('91) as they face the daunting task of learning another new language in Mozambique. Local Christians are eagerly awaiting a translation of the Bible in their own language.

** Associate alumni (Completed at least one year of courses, but did not go onto graduate.)*

Tributes given to Di Gangi and alumni

OTS formally installed Dr. Mariano Di Gangi, former professor of Pastoral Studies and a founding faculty member, as OTS's first emeritus professor at this year's graduation. Known as a fine expository preacher, he has made significant contributions to the worldwide Christian community as a professor at OTS, as pastor of several churches and as executive director of Interserve (formerly Bible and Medical Missions) to name a few of his areas of service. He will teach again at OTS next summer.

During the ceremony, OTS also inaugurated the Alumni of Distinction award and recognized three alumni. Made possible by a generous grant from the Maranatha Foundation, Toronto, the award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated servant leadership in a manner that fulfils the vision of the founders of OTS and makes a significant contribution to the witness of the Church.

Maureen Chung ('84 MTS) has helped plant three congregations in Toronto, the most recent, the Chinese Christian Mission, which targets blue collar workers and service sector Chinese workers.

After working for an engineering firm, Bill Fietje ('84 MDiv), with his wife Lois, went to Thailand in 1978 with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. In 1988, he moved to pastoral work at Forward Baptist Church, Cambridge, Ontario, returning to OMF in 1993 as national director.

"I love being a pastor," wrote Doug Martin ('80 MDiv). He is now at Bethel, an Associated Gospel Church, near Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. "God has graciously put me in a ministry, which is a sort of vision come true—a church where we can influence students who will be [future] leaders..."

PHOTO BY KRYSIA P. LEAR

D. Bruce Lockerbie and, his uncle, John Honeyman behind a sculpture by Richard Bannister. Lockerbie, a distinguished Christian author and teacher spoke on the arts at lectureship series in March. Nearly 15-20 alumni came from London with one couple travelling from Wisconsin, and joined faculty and students to hear the lectures. The lecturer, other relatives and alumni covered the expenses of the series named to honour Honeyman, a former professor at the College. They are undertaking to continue the series. A series of three audio tapes may be obtained for $15 from the Dean's office at OTS. Academic dean, W. Ward Gasque hosted the event.

In February and March, OBC/OTS hosted a sculpture show by American artist Richard Bannister with pieces displayed in the halls in both buildings. OBC interim academic dean John Franklin organized the exhibition.

ALUMNI, PLEASE LET US KNOW...

Moved? Married? Births? New degree? Change positions or locations in your career? An achievement to share? Mail or fax (416-226-9464) your news to the Alumni office. Photos are welcome, but cannot be returned.

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FIRST LAST LAST NAME WHILE AT OBC OR OTS (IF NOW CHANGED)

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Occupation _____

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What name do you want used on your mail? _____

Graduation 1996

A total of 182 men and women graduated from the College and Seminary this year; the 111 at OTS constituted the largest graduating class yet. They came from all over the world and ranged from the mid-twenties to the mid-sixties in age.

Both services were held in spacious Agincourt Pentecostal Church in nearby Scarborough. The College's ceremony was in the afternoon on Saturday, April 20 and the Seminary's on May 11 in the evening.

Again the pastoral foci graduated the greatest number of students in a ministry stream: 23 from OBC and 28 from OTS. The two-year Master of Theological Studies program had 38 graduates. At the College, 32 completed the requirements for the one-year Certificate of Christian Studies program; they had been honoured at the baccalaureate service a few weeks earlier.

Part-time studies worked for manager

"I don't know what to do with my Saturdays," quipped Hewlett Packard service manager Ron Dyer, after graduating from the Bachelor of Religious Studies (Bible/Arts) program. A part-time student, he spent eight years studying with the support of his wife Diane.

A resident of Newmarket, Ontario, he originally chose OBC for it's convenient location. He got the biblical education he wanted thanks to the "extremely challenging and rewarding" classes. He also learned to enjoy diversity, a change from what he calls his former conservative outlook.

In OBC's inter-denominational environment, he learned to appreciate various doctrinal views. He still remembers the insight he gained when Dr. McRae, then president, asked a high ranking Salvation Army officer to explain why the Army doesn't have communion services.

"I'm a lot more tolerant now in how I perceive people." When he first came he was surprised by the hairstyles he saw on some of the younger students." But after sharing projects and muffins with them, the then 29-year-old saw past that and understood their deep commitment to Christ.

He better understands unity in the Spirit. "I never used to think about multi-culturalism, being a white Canadian male." Life at the school and, in particular, a devotional in a group dynamics class changed that.

The presentation began with a Chinese woman, who up until then had dressed in jeans and said very little, entering wearing a flowing gown. When she sang a hymn in operatic style, it was "more beautiful than I can ever describe," said Ron. Next a Jamaican man gave "an oracle" (mainly Scripture). "I had never heard God's word with such authority," commented Ron. "I cried because it was so incredible."

He also spoke appreciatively of improvements in the part-time program such as greater flexibility and better administration. The school also started to "cater" more to part-time students so in the last few years he felt a part of the community.

PHOTO BY MARION HANGS

After five years at OBC (four of those as a pastor at Banfield Memorial Church in North York), Raymond Swash of Hamilton, his wife Sandra (not pictured) and his sons, Matthew and David, celebrated his BRE. He now pastors Ridgemount Community Church, a Brethren in Christ church in Hamilton. After the boys were in bed, Swash used his "down time" to study and do at least five independent (audio tape) study courses, as part of his part-time studies strategy.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING FOR A FULL LIFE.

Ontario Bible College

(All courses three (3) credits unless otherwise noted.)

SPRING SESSION

June 17-21, 9-noon & 1-4 p.m.

Introduction to Theatre II (Ched 0218): Stuart Scadron-Wattles, visiting lecturer; artistic director of a Canadian professional theatre company with a biblical worldview

SUMMER SESSION

(Offered jointly with OTS - three (3) credits at OBC)

See OTS Summer Session and Build Your Faith for details.

Children's Ministry (Ched 0204): Linda Cannell

Evangelism Today (Onts 0946): Michael Green

Ministry of Nurturing to Youth (Onts 0951): Duffy Robbins

FALL SESSION

Sept. 9-Dec. 13
7:00-9:50 p.m.

Mondays

Christianity and Science (Rlgs 0321): TBA

Introduction to Psychology (Sosc 0351): Kathy Lawrence, PhD, Fuller School of Theology, lecturer in psychology

Youth Ministry (Ched 0216): TBA

Tuesdays

Forms of Fiction: Novel & Short Story (Litr 0276): Elizabeth Davey, MA, professor of literature

Fundamentals of Teaching English as a Second Language (Tesl 0310): Marilyn O'Donnell, PhD, lecturer in ESL

Understanding the Old Testament I (Bibl 0101) Section 1: Robert Hiebert, PhD, professor of Old Testament

Wednesdays

Understanding the Old Testament I (Bibl 0101—Section 1): Stephen Thomson, MTh, professor of New Testament

Western Thought and Culture (Phil 0105—Section 1): John Franklin, MA, interim academic dean; chair, department of General Arts

Thursdays

Counselling Skills (Past 0361): Sheila Stevens, MDiv, lecturer in counselling

Elementary Greek 1 (Lang 0371): Erwin Penner, chair, department of Bible and Theology

Foundations of Teaching (Ched 0112): Elizabeth Posterski, PhD, chair, department of Ministry Studies

Theology 1 (Theo 0221—Section 1): Robert Duez, PhD, professor of theology

Tuesday October 1, 8, 15, 22

The Abused Person (Ched 0200—one credit): Francey McKenzie, BSW, lecturer in psychology

MODULAR COURSES
Fridays Modulars
September 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 18.
8-11 a.m. & 1-4 p.m.

Western Thought and Culture (Phil 0105—Section 2): John Franklin

Proverbs/Ecclesiastes (Bibl 0301): Robert Hiebert, PhD, professor of Old Testament

Weekend Modulars
Fridays 9-9:50 p.m. & Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sept. 20/21, 27/28, Oct. 4/5

Music and Society: St. Peters, the Skydome and (the) Madona - developing a critical awareness of the role of the music. Roseanne Kydd, PhD (cand) at York University, lecturer in musicology; musician

Oct. 25/26, Nov. 1/2 & 8/9

Religious Themes in Literature (Litr 0271): Elizabeth Davey, MA, professor of literature

Romans (Bibl 0309): Erwin Penner, PhD, chair, department of Bible and Theology

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SPRING SESSION

June 17-21, 9:30-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two (2) credits

Financial Development for Christian Institutions (Sums 0848): Ben Harder, MA, adjunct professor of non-profit organizational management; president, Harder Associates, St. Catharines, Ont.

Teamwork in Ministry (Sums 0849): Justin Dennison, DMin, visiting lecturer in leadership studies; senior pastor of Bramalea Baptist Church, Bramalea, Ont.

SUMMER BIBLICAL LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

Open to OTS and OBC students
July 22-August 23, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Eight (8) credits for OTS students and six (6) for OBC students.

Elementary Greek I and II or New Testament Greek I and II (NewT 0321, 0322): Erwin Penner, PhD, lecturer in NT Greek; professor of New Testament, OBC

Hebrew Grammar and Greek Exegesis (OldT O611, 0612): Robert J.V. Hiebert, PhD, lecturer in OT Hebrew; professor of Old Testament, OBC

SUMMER SESSION

August 5-16, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Four (4) credits

Children's Ministry (Ched 0553): Linda Cannell, EdD, lecturer in educational ministries; associate professor of Christian Education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Ill. (With OBC)

Ezekiel (OldT 0619): Rebecca Idestrom, PhD, visiting lecturer in Old Testament

Learning and the Art of Teaching (Ched 0555): Gary Newton, EdD, visiting lecturer; assistant professor of educational ministries, Denver Seminary, Colo.

The Pastoral Epistles: (NewT O628): Andrew Lau, PhD, lecturer in New Testament; pastor, Markham Christian Community Church.

PHOTO BY LAN ELLIS

Jan Rothenberger receives congratulations from President Stiller.

Her fingers did the walking

A graduate from the Bachelor of Religious Education, pastoral studies program, Jan Rothenberger calls herself "fortunate to be able to return to school later in life." Already in ministry, she wanted to study and first discovered OBC in the Yellow Pages. Meeting student volunteers at Evergreen, a ministry to street kids, convinced her that the College offered what she wanted.

Three years later, she says, "The faculty are absolutely excellent. I feel I'm leaving with a solid foundation, having been able to apply what I was learning while doing ministry."

Jan, a top sales person for fragrance and cosmetic lines, became a Christian in 1990. "I was passionate in my business and did well. When I became a Christian, my passion changed totally to urban ministry." Concerned about street people since she was 13, she said, "It blows me away that now I'm working for them." Today Jan does part-time pastoral care with Church on the Street. She also volunteers with Sanctuary, a street ministry to prostitutes, at Metro West Detention Centre and Philip Assiz, a Christian hospice for people with AIDS.

College offers more weekend courses

After weekend modular courses proved popular earlier this year, the College added a Friday night option. Starting September 13, students can take Friday modulars, completing courses in half the regular number of weeks in five Fridays of six hours of classes. Those travelling long distances may want to combine a Friday and a weekend module. In all modular courses students complete reading and assignments following classes. (See the part-time schedule for courses and times.) Regular tuition rates apply; affordable rooms and meals are available on campus.

First DD conferred

At the graduation ceremony, the Seminary conferred its first Doctor of Divinity degree on John Kao, senior pastor of Toronto Chinese Community Church, Scarborough, a church with 11 congregations in 5 locations. One of the most respected leaders in the Toronto Christian community, Dr. Kao serves as general director of the Association of Chinese Evangelical Ministries. A lecturer in the Chinese Ministry program, "He has been a close friend and advisor to the leaders of the Seminary," said the academic dean W. Ward Gasque.

In a gracious acceptance speech Kao thanked faculty at OTS for helping him grow. He said he wished to accept "this special honour" not for himself, but because OTS has supplied 12 of his church's 18 pastors, and on behalf of family and friends, his church and those in the community who united to promote evangelism.

PHOTO BY LAN ELLIS

Dr. John Kao making a point with friends.

Changes to CTESL admission

For admission to the CTESL (Certificate for Teaching English as a Second Language), students must now have a grade of 75 or better in OAC English, five other Ontario Academic Credits. Foreign students must have 550 on TOEFL; they and mature students will be evaluated on essay questions on the TESL application.

CLARIFICATION

Andrew Lau, lecturer in New Testament and summer school presenter on the Pastoral Epistles, was incorrectly identified with the wrong church in the last issue and the summer session brochure. He pastors at Markham Christian Community Church, Markham, Ontario. We regret any inconvenience this caused.

STUDY PART-TIME AT OBC AND OTS.

Theological Foundations for Marriage and the Family (THEO 0630): Douglas Webster, ThD, visiting professor; senior minister, First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, Calif.

BUILD YOUR FAITH

Jointly sponsored by OTS and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
Two (2) credits

August 12-16, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Evangelism Today (BYF O946): Michael Green, DD, author, educator and advisor on evangelism to the archbishops of Canterbury and York, Church of England (With OBC)

Ministry of Nurturing to Youth (BYF 0951): Duffy Robbins, MDiv, associate professor of youth ministry, Eastern College, Saint Davids, Pa.; author and lecturer to and about youth. (With OBC)

August 19-23, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Two (2) credits

Historical Perspectives on Revival (BYF 0961): Ian S. Rennie, distinguished professor of Church History

Lessons from the Book of Acts for the Contemporary Church (BYF 0921): W. Ward Gasque, PhD, dean and professor of biblical studies; author and lecturer

Living as a Christian in a Pluralist Society (BYF 0991): Don Posterski, MA, DD, vice-president, National Programs, World Vision Canada

Studying the Bible Through Art (BYF O992): Laurel Gasque, MEd, lecturer in educational ministries and Christianity and art; coordinator of graduate student and faculty ministries, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada

FALL SESSION

Sept. 9 - Dec. 13
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Mondays

Exegetical Method I (NewT 0523): TBA

Introduction to Islam (Miss 0681): Lyman Kulthgungham, PhD, lecturer in missiology; chair, department of General Studies, Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough, Ontario

Music in the Church (Past 0548): TBA

Jeremiah (OldT 0617): Donald Leggett, ThD, professor of Old Testament

Urban Ministry I: Understanding the City (Miss 0787): Rick Tobias, MDiv, lecturer in urban ministry and youth ministries; executive director Yonge Street Mission, Toronto

Tuesdays

Contextual Issues I: Cross Cultural Perspectives in Family and Marriage Therapy: (Coun 0671) Vincent Poon, MD, PsyD, professor of Counselling

Critical Youth Issues (YMin 0698): John Wilkinson, EdD, professor of Youth and Family Ministries and professor of Educational Ministries

Interpreting and Applying the Biblical Text: John Kessler, ThD, professor of Old Testament

Wednesdays

Mission in Canada (Miss 0587): Irving Whitt, DMiss, professor of Missiology

Women in the New Testament (NewT 0620): Nancy Calvert-Koyzis, PhD, professor of New Testament

Thursdays

Elementary Greek I (NewT 0321): Erwin Penner, PhD, lecturer in New Testament; chair, department of Bible and Theology, OBC

Oakville Satellite Class

Thursdays 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Luke (NewT): Roy Matheson, ThD, professor of New Testament
Dr. Matheson will teach at Chartwell Baptist Church, Oakville. Pre-register at or through the OTS Enrollment Services office.

Ottawa Summer School of Biblical and Theological Studies July 1-12, 1996

Sponsored by Dominion-Chalmers United Church in co-operation with Ontario Theological Seminary and Canadian Theological Seminary.

Discernment and the Will of God (THEO 0530): Gordon Smith, PhD, dean, CTS

Movements of Christian Renewal in History (HIST O661): Ian S. Rennie, PhD, distinguished professor of Church History, OTS

The Petrine Letters: A Living Faith and Faithful Living (NEWT 0528): Allen Churchill, DPhil, senior pastor, Dominion-Chalmers United Church

Ravished by the Spirit: Spirituality in Canadian Church History (HIST 0665): Darrel Reid, PhD, religious and intellectual historian

Credit is available from OTS or CTS.

Classes are at Dominion-Chalmers; the Ottawa school is taking care of accommodations. For further information, call 613-235-5143 or fax 613-235-1746.

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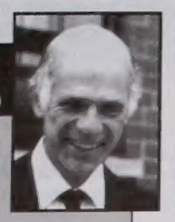
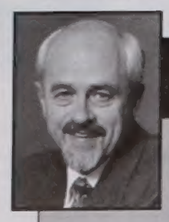


Michael Green,
MA (Oxford University)
DD (University of Toronto)

Evangelism Today

August 12 - 16, Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12 noon, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

Prolific author, international lecturer, and theological educator. How can we build bridges of relationship with those outside the church? How can both individual Christians and Christian communities become more effective in sharing the good news today?



Don Posterski,
MA, DLitt (Briercrest Biblical Seminary), DD (Providence Theological Seminary)

Living as a Christian in a Pluralistic Society

August 19 - 23, Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

Using research and case studies that focus on contemporary families and other world faiths, this course traces social transitions and evaluates the benefits of cultural pluralism in the light of Christ's expression of both conviction and compassion.

Other Courses to Consider:

Children's Ministries with Linda Cannell, EdD
Theological Foundations for Marriage and the Family with Douglas Webster, ThD
Spiritual Directions in Youth Ministry with Duffy Robbins, MDiv

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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF OBC/OTS...

Meet the Chancellor

Dr. William McRae, an outstanding Bible teacher and preacher, has a full summer of activities planned to promote OBC/OTS. He would appreciate having you drop by to say hello if he is in your neighbourhood.

June 10 at the London Ladies OBC/OTS Auxiliary Picnic

June 19 at Knox Presbyterian Church's summer fellowship series, Toronto

June 26 at Calvary Bible (Alliance) Church's summer fellowship series, Kingston

July 13-20 at the Joy Bible Camp family conference, Bancroft

August 3-10 at a Bible conference at Guelph Conference Grounds, Guelph

August 11-17 at Fairhavens family conference, Beaverton

August 22-24 at the United Baptist Convention of Atlantic Provinces conference, Sackville, N.S.

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1st prize is $50 and 2nd is $25.

Drop off your suggestion in the coffee shop or mail it to OBC/OTS, attn: Coffee Shop Contest.

Faculty and staff notes

Passages

Rudy Dirks, dean of students, with his wife Sharon and their three children is going to Botswana, with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, to teach Bible and counsel with African independent churches. He came years ago and enjoyed close involvement with students as the director of counselling services and chaplain. His spiritual wisdom and open style of communication were much appreciated.

W. Ward Gasque, academic dean, OTS, joined 80 theologians from 35 countries at consultations sponsored by the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Fellowship in England in the week following Easter. Gasque has served on its executive committee for the past four years and was re-elected to the 50-member commission and the 6-member executive for the next four years.

Ian Rennie, distinguished professor of Church History, OTS, was honoured when Presbyterian College, Montreal, conferred an Doctor of Divinity degree on him at its 129th convocation on May 9. Rennie spoke on renewal at the morning Graduates' Lecture and at the graduation service.

After teaching for two years, **Diane Speirs**, professor of music, is leaving to pursue her career on the West coast. Speirs' good musicality and fine artistry, evident in the presentations of the College Choir and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, will be missed.

FYI SUMMER 1996 - *Please join us*

Open house

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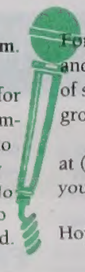
June and August Camp visits. Kevin Kirk, assistant director of admissions visiting staff at Christian camps in Ontario to do ministry and to tell staff about programs at OBC and OTS.

At your service

For fall 1996. Book the new **music team**. Available most weekends from September 21-December 8, 1996 and for some mid-week appearance within comfortable driving range. You are asked to provide a sound engineer and to allow the recruitment display to be set up. No performance fee, but an honorarium to cover travel costs would be appreciated.



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Biblical earthkeeping urged

by Elizabeth Davey

"We are creatures before we are Christians," declared Dr. Loren Wilkinson, as he opened our annual Staley lecture series January 23-25, 1996. His agenda was simple and clear: "We are called to be faithful stewards of God's good garden, our earthly home."

Fulfilling this mandate, he said, begins with "Recovering a biblical understanding of creation." The professor of inter-disciplinary studies and philosophy at Regent College, Vancouver, challenged faculty and students to review their understanding of the doctrines of creation and redemption. "Creation is not primarily about beginnings, but rather about on-going relationship. God is intimately involved with Creation. All of Creation holds together in Christ. The Gospel is good news for all creatures."

Environmental concerns are not new to our students; most have grown up aware of the problems of pollution, species extinction and deforestation. For some, however, this was the first time they had heard a biblical perspective. They realized that if evangelicals embrace the biblical understanding of creation, we will approach the environmental crisis with new urgency and energy.

Each year, with the help of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York, the OBC faculty bring a distinguished, evangelical scholar to our campus. Wilkinson has numerous publications which offer a clear perspective on creation and ecology.

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